

# Amherst, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 am - 3 pm, Tuesday, 9 am - 3 pm, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Hillsborough**  
**Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division**  
**Merrimack Valley**  
**Nashua Regional**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 11**  
**Hillsborough County Districts 22, 41**

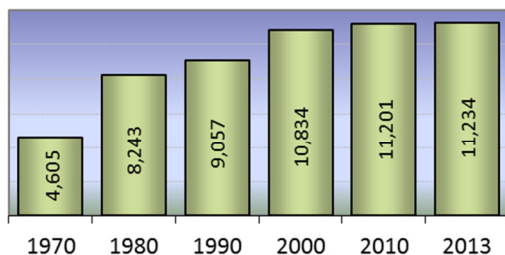
**Incorporated: 1760**

**Origin:** This area was first granted in 1728 as Narragansett Number 3, settled by the families of soldiers who had fought at Narragansett, Rhode Island. In 1760, the town was named Amherst in honor of Lord Jeffrey Amherst (1717-1797), commander-in-chief of the colonial forces in the French and Indian War. Amherst was the birthplace of Horace Greeley (1811-1872), founder of the New York Tribune, a founder of the Republican Party, and 1872 Presidential candidate. For a brief time, Amherst was the county seat for Hillsborough County.

**Villages and Place Names:** Cricket Corner, Ponemah, Baboosic Lake

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 2,369 residents in 1790

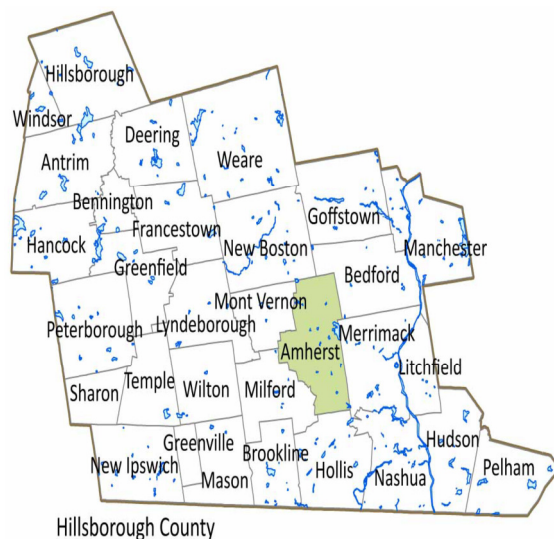
**Population Trends:** Population change for Amherst totaled 9,183 over 53 years, from 2,051 in 1960 to 11,234 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 125 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, this was followed by a 79 percent



increase between 1970 and

1980. The 2013 Census estimate for Amherst was 11,234 residents, which ranked 27th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau):** 331.1 persons per square mile of land area. Amherst contains 33.9 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$11,814,532	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$24,709,808	
Zoning Ordinance		1946/13	
Master Plan		2010	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Cemetery; Library; Trust Funds; Zoning		
Appointed:	Planning; Communications Infrastructure; Conservation; Heritage; Historic District; Recreation; Capital Improvement; Stormwater II; Solid Waste		
Public Library	Amherst Town		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		On Call	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua		12 miles	188
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua		13 miles	144
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester		13 miles	233
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Liberty Utilities	
Water Supplier		Pennichuck Water Works	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$26.45	
2013 Equalization Ratio		100.7	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$26.53	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		84.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		12.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.6%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		4,184	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		3,894	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		218	
Five or More Units in Structure		47	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		25	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	<b>11,234</b>	<b>402,979</b>
2010	<b>11,201</b>	<b>400,721</b>
2000	<b>10,834</b>	<b>382,384</b>
1990	<b>9,057</b>	<b>336,549</b>
1980	<b>8,243</b>	<b>276,608</b>
1970	<b>4,605</b>	<b>223,941</b>
<b>Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013</b>		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>5,660</b>	Female <b>5,574</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>673</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>2,517</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>1,271</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>3,455</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>1,890</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>1,428</b>
Median Age		<b>44.5 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		<b>96.5%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher		<b>62.1%</b>
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		<b>\$48,658</b>
Median family income		<b>\$121,646</b>
Median household income		<b>\$113,177</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$101,173</b>
Female		<b>\$50,770</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>2.9%</b>
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,109</b>
Employed	<b>5,751</b>	<b>5,823</b>
Unemployed	<b>249</b>	<b>286</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>862</b>	<b>812</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 867</b>	<b>\$1,069</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>2,834</b>	<b>2,824</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 666</b>	<b>\$ 757</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>3,696</b>	<b>3,636</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 713</b>	<b>\$ 827</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>630</b>	<b>588</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 658</b>	<b>\$ 951</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>4,326</b>	<b>4,224</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 705</b>	<b>\$ 844</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Amherst operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Souhegan Cooperative (Amherst, Mont Vernon)** District: **SAU 39**

Career Technology Center(s): **Wilbur H. Palmer Voc. Tech. Center, Hudson; Milford HS & Applied Technology Center, Milford; Nashua Technology Center** Region: **16**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>626</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>115</b>

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Rivier; Daniel Webster**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **9** Total Capacity: **583**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Retail store	200	1992
H & M Metals, Inc.	Steel metal fabrication	130	1970
Diacom Corporation	Fabric-elastomer diaphragms	93	1983
Resin System Corporation	Custom cast thermoset plastic	52	1972
Rontex America, Inc.	Nonwoven fabrics	23	1976
Vibrac Corporation	Torque test instruments	15	1971
F W Webb	Plumbing & heating supply distributor		
Lowe's	Home improvement center		

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes  
State Routes **13, 101, 101A, 122**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **Everett Tpk., Exit 11; I-293, Exit 4**

Distance **9 miles; 12 miles**

Railroad **Boston & Maine**

Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
**Boire Field, Nashua** Runway **6,000 ft. asphalt**

Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
**Manchester-Boston Regional** Distance **15 miles**

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	<b>13 miles</b>
Portland, Maine	<b>110 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.	<b>63 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>228 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>274 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>84.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>2.3%</b>
Other means	<b>1.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>1.8%</b>

Mean Travel Time to Work **22.0 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013**

Working in community of residence	<b>42.3</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>56.4</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>1.3</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

**X** Municipal Parks  
YMCA/YWCA

**X** Boys Club/Girls Club

**X** Golf Courses  
Swimming: Indoor Facility  
Swimming: Outdoor Facility  
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility

**X** Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility  
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility  
Bowling Facilities

**X** Museums  
Cinemas  
Performing Arts Facilities  
Tourist Attractions

**X** Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

**X** Youth Sports: Baseball

**X** Youth Sports: Soccer

**X** Youth Sports: Football

**X** Youth Sports: Basketball  
Youth Sports: Hockey  
Campgrounds

**X** Fishing/Hunting  
Boating/Marinas

**X** Snowmobile Trails  
Bicycle Trails

**X** Cross Country Skiing

**X** Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

**X** Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**

Other: **Swimming Lake; Youth Lacrosse; Ponemah Bog Sanctuary; Peabody Mill Environmental Center; Joe English Reservation; Hiking Trails**